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SPECIAL FACULTY ISSUE

"A teacher cannot leave a better legacy to the world than a student with a love of learning."

— Anatole France
French author, 1844–1924

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DR. MARGARITA BENITEZ SPEAKS AT LASELL COMMENCEMENT

Executive Director of Gear Up celebrates power of education at Lasell's 144th Commencement.

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With Record Enrollment Numbers

LASELL COLLEGE ENJOYS HIGHEST RESIDENT POPULATION IN 16 YEARS

LASELL COLLEGE, WHICH ONLY TWO YEARS AGO VOTED TO CHANGE ITS 147-year-old mission from single-sex (women) to coeducation, is experiencing an admission boom that is resulting in the highest resident population in nearly two decades.

On opening day in September, Lasell College welcomed 708 students, (up from 672 last fall), and some 500 residents (up from 410 last fall) to its 55-acre Newton campus. "The numbers are impressive," says David Eddy, director of Admission, about the continuing growth of admission numbers. "This marks the first time that the College registered three consecutive increases in new student enrollment since the early 1970s." Another remarkable statistic is that 142 men — representing 20% of the entire student population – are now enrolled at Lasell.

The admission surge also means that on opening day, Lasell accommodated the highest resident population in 16 years, according to Dean of Student Affairs, Diane M. Austin. "We are full up," she says, counting the days until next June, when a new, 116-bed, suite-style residence hall is scheduled for completion – just in time for an anticipated additional 100 residents. "That new residence hall will ease much of the pressure we are currently experiencing in the area of student housing," she explains. To accommodate the sudden growth, five former student houses temporarily used for office space and rentals have been reclaimed.

The on-campus growing pains have been endured graciously by virtually everyone,

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New Joan Weiler Arnow Professor Named

SOCIOLOGIST SYLVIA MACPHEE MIXES SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING INTO SUCCESSFUL BLEND

DR. SYLVIA MACPHEE RECALLS HER FIRST ENCOUNTER AT LASELL COLLEGE. "It was 20 years ago. I had earned my Master's degree in sociology from Northeastern University and was volunteering at Walpole's Community Center for Counseling and Education, when I was invited to explore a teaching position at Lasell."

Dr. Sylvia MacPhee, Professor of Sociology

Intrigued, she arrived on campus to meet with the Academic Dean. "When I emphasized that I didn't then have my doctorate, I was met with what was, for me, a memorable response. 'This is a teaching institution,' I was told. 'We are looking for faculty who know how to teach and who love to teach.' Well," she says, "I thought that was a refreshing attitude."

And it was then that Sylvia MacPhee began her long, distinguished tenure at the College. "I saw Lasell as an opportunity to be creative and committed to the work of teaching," a field that clearly has visceral value for the newly named Joan Weiler Arnow Professor.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Arturo U. Iriarte, Sylvia MacPhee was selected as the second holder of the endowed chair "Because of her role as teacher/scholar on the Lasell campus, her creativity in teaching, and her concern and caring for the students. It is an honor richly deserved." He was also quick to point out that Dr. MacPhee had made the commitment to earn a Ph.D. after Lasell became a baccalaureate institution. Still focusing on teaching, the College and Dr. MacPhee recognized the importance of achieving the highest degree in one's field of study.

The Joan Weiler Arnow Endowed Chair is bestowed on a worthy candidate for a period of three years during which funds and time are made

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DR. TIMOTHY JOHNSON LAUNCHES HEALTH CARE SERIES

Dr. Timothy Johnson, ABC-TV's renowned medical editor, speaks at the Lasell College Health Care Lecture Series.

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MESSAGE FROM THE

PRESIDENT

There's Strength in Numbers

THE COLOR OF THE LEAVES IS NOT ALL THAT IS CHANGING ON CAMPUS AT Lasell this fall. If you haven't been on campus recently, I urge you to visit. Lasell is no longer a sleepy little college but instead it is a thriving, vibrant, more competitive academic institution.

In much of my work at Lasell I analyze the numbers. If there is a trend at Lasell, I can confidently say that the numbers continue to increase. In just two years:

- applications have increased 113%
- new student enrollment has increased 52%
- total full-time enrollment has increased 32%
- resident students have increased 58%

Other indicators are strong as well. Men represent 20% of the total population in just our second year of coeducation. SAT scores are up again, over 40 points, and dependence on recruiting new students from the New England region has dropped from 84% to 79%. On the weekends, Lasell is no longer a suitcase school. Just ask our Food Services Director, who now feeds over 200 students on the weekends (compared to 30 two years ago). And it is not unusual to have several hundred spectators at men's and women's athletic events.

There are changes in the academic side of the house as well. The College has reorganized into three separate schools: Allied Health, Arts and Sciences, and Business and Information Technology. We are reexamining our core curriculum to make it more flexible for transfer students, enhancing new academic offerings, and exploring double majors and an interdisciplinary honors program. In addition, the faculty continues to grow in number and stature. We have profiled all of our new faculty and the activities of our veteran faculty in this issue of *Leaves*. We welcome nine new faculty members, four of whom replace those who took new jobs or retired.

Our greatest challenge is to successfully manage this accelerated growth. We must look very carefully at retention to ensure that once students get here, they are academically challenged and satisfied with student life on campus. This growth has also resulted in our resources being stretched to capacity. It is not by chance that our Annual Fund theme this year is "Building for the Future."

The landscape of the campus is also rapidly changing. During your campus visit you will notice that a 116-bed, suite-style, residence hall is being constructed behind McClelland and Van Winkle Halls; Winslow Hall is being renovated into seven high technology classrooms, 13 faculty offices and a beautiful student lounge. And believe it or not, the first residents of Lasell Village will move in next spring!

The College's fundraising efforts are also indicators that this is the perfect time to invest in Lasell. The endowment has reached $12 million, the Annual Fund surpassed $500,000 and the capital campaign leadership team is determining how much to raise its goal since we are very close to reaching $12 million. The future at Lasell has never looked brighter and the need for your financial support has never been greater! Please let us know when you will be on campus. We would be delighted to give you a personal tour so that you can see firsthand the *new* Lasell.

Sincerely,

Thomas E.J. de Witt, Ph.D.

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available to permit the pursuit of extensive professional development activities, writing, and research.

"The appointment was announced at a recent faculty meeting, and I was totally surprised. I was busy taking notes and heard my name called, looked up, and saw Dr. Iriarte and President de Witt as they made the announcement. For someone who doesn't use titles, unless I have to, it is really something to be introduced as the Joan Weiler Arnow Professor of Sociology, Dr. MacPhee," she teases.

Curiosity and a strong social conscience are two personal sensibilities that have informed the life and career of this sensitive, caring teacher, wife, and mother of three. Upon graduating from Regis College with a major in sociology, she joined friends from Puerto Rico in a pre-Peace Corps volunteer experience. Her assignment was to teach sixth graders in a Catholic elementary school in Corozal, a small, impoverished hill town approximately one hour out of San Juan. For her, living with a Puerto Rican family and earning $10 a week was a rich experience. "The community was so hospitable, I didn't need the $10. I taught English and geography in English only and Math in the best Spanish I could muster, and it was a special time." Even then a budding sociologist, Sylvia MacPhee admits, "I was always interested in ethnic differences and appreciating those distinctions."

Upon her return to the United States, Sylvia MacPhee worked in foster home placement in Boston, often putting in 60 hours a week working for the Division of Child Guardianship. Both emotionally rewarded and exhausted from the experience, she sought a change of pace and took a position with the Boston Redevelopment Authority. "There, I met my prince," she says, recounting how she and John met while working together on the gathering of data for a survey. They raised three children while Sylvia continued her quest for answers in the field of sociology and satisfied her need to teach.

Earning a doctorate from Northeastern gave her the opportunity to explore the new and immense field of eco-spirituality, championed by one of the movement's gurus, theologian and culture historian, Thomas Berry. "One of the themes of the movement is to rediscover what many ancient traditions believed: that the sacred and divine is within the ordinary. To really see the ordinary, we are told, is to see it as extraordinary," she explains. "And the form it takes, everywhere, is diversity," she continues, relishing time spent on a favorite subject.

"Diversity can turn out to be risky business because to create an identity, one must set up boundaries. And that can be and often is a difficult bridge to cross since, in defining a group's story, a sense of insiders and outsiders is created. Who ultimately is okay and who is not? Finding a unifying threat to the group helps to set up this 'okay-not okay' division which keeps a group together. War works well," she asides grimly. Which is why in her classes on race she counsels her students at the very beginning, "Say what you feel and what you think, but don't attack anyone. The only way to succeed here is if we all feel safe to explore ideas and exchange points of view."

So it is that Associate Professor and Joan Weiler Arnow Scholar, Dr. Sylvia MacPhee, Ph.D. flinches a little at the string of titles that precede and follow her name. "Of course I am proud and happy to have earned the recognition those titles signify," she admits. "But titles," she maintains, "unless one is very careful, can create unnecessary boundaries.

"In my classes, I am especially interested in alerting my students to the differences between the diversity that can be shared and celebrated with others and the diversity that creates boundaries, excluding others out of ignorance and fear. It's an important task for all of us, I believe, especially so for those of us who teach." ❧

Commencement '99

DR. MARGARITA BENITEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GEAR UP, SPEAKS AT LASELL COLLEGE'S 144TH COMMENCEMENT

MARGARITA BENITEZ, PH.D. — PROFESSOR OF HUMANITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY of Puerto Rico, Senior Program Consultant, Office of Higher Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, and Executive Director of GEAR UP, a new national initiative to encourage more young people to stay in school, study hard, and go to college – drew cheers from the more than 1300 people gathered for Lasell College's 144th graduation ceremonies, when she celebrated the power and value of education in a warm and personal commencement speech.

Dr. Margarita Benitez, Executive Director of Gear Up

"Many days stand out in the life of a person, but few are at the same time enormously significant to such a diverse aggregate of people," Dr. Benitez told the 197 graduates, their families, and friends who assembled on Taylor Field on Sunday, May 16, 1999, to mark the special occasion.

"All members of your family, your friends young and old, your mentors and teachers, and numerous other people that are not yet a part of your life, plus many others that you will never meet, have a stake on this day. My words to you today are a reflection on what makes this diploma and this day so meaningful."

Addressing students who were the first in their families to graduate from college, Dr. Benitez cheered them. "This diploma you are about to receive opens a new era in your family history. You will stand here today where none among your own has ever stood before. You will stand here for your father and mother, for your grandmother, and for your great-grandfather. For the laborer, the migrant, and the exile, who had the vision, the hope, and the strength to endure backbreaking labor, prejudice, and abuse, for the sake of a day like today. Today is your gift to them, and it is their gift to you."

To second generation college graduates and beyond, Dr. Benitez said, "You may not be aware of how much your own chances for success were increased by the fact that you are the child of college graduates. The statistics are striking: all across the racial and ethnic spectrum there is a clear correlation between schooling and standards of living. The parents' income level is also related to the likelihood of success in school," she said. "Academic success isn't only about brains; it's also about support, encouragement, and opportunity.

"As we consider who among our family had the chance to go to college, or even to entertain that possibility, our family experience is placed in a larger context. There is history behind all our diplomas, and individual stories of effort and achievement behind each federal initiative to increase access to higher education.

"I am referring to the G.I. Bill of Rights of 1944, the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Bilingual Education Act of 1998, " Dr. Benitez continued. "Each of these acts recognized the national value of investing in the education of groups that had been denied such opportunity before. Together they have transformed the face of American higher education. I'd be very surprised if none of those initiatives had ever touched your lives or the lives of your family."

Dr. Benitez spoke of her own experience in her native Puerto Rico, seeing education at work as a transforming force. "I was born at a time when my country was undergoing an extraordinary transformation. From a land stricken by poverty, disease, illiteracy, overpopulation, and held in fetters by imperialism – my country was transformed, within a generation, into a dynamic and growing economy, and one of the few democracies in the region.

"The University of Puerto Rico, where my father was president from 1942 to 1971, was at the center of this transformation," she maintained. "The dramatic growth of the university kept pace with the strides of a developing society. New facilities, schools, and research centers were created to meet the social and economic needs of the island. University enrollment quintupled in 25 years and the standard of living on the island rose from one of the lowest in the hemisphere to the highest in Latin America."

"My conviction that higher education can transform people's lives stems from the unforgettable experience of seeing it happen throughout Puerto Rico."

She acknowledged that "many things were not then, and are not now, as they should be in Puerto Rico. But my conviction that higher education can transform people's lives stems from the unforgettable experience of seeing it happen throughout Puerto Rico."

Lasell College President Thomas E.J. de Witt conferred upon Dr. Benitez an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree, citing her for her leadership in education and her commitment to ensuring equal access to and promoting excellence in education throughout the nation. ❧

Two Elected to Board of Overseers

TO COMPLEMENT ITS GOVERNING Board of Trustees, Lasell College established the Board of Overseers in August 1991.

Its members act as College emissaries among their peers and the community at large. With 45 overseers, both alumni and non-alumni, the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the following new members, recently elected for a three-year renewable term:

Helena Hartnett, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, is Director of Development for the Whaling Museum in New Bedford. Prior to her current position, Helena served as Dean of External Affairs at Lasell College for eight years.

Joan McLaughlin, of Belmont and West Falmouth, Massachusetts, graduated from Lasell in 1957. She serves on the Board of Directors for New England Villages President's Council. ❧

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including the staff of Institutional Advancement, who in August moved its operations from Haskell House — previously one of the College's administration buildings — to a newly refurbished Klingbeil House, at 142 Woodland Road.

Lasell College President Thomas E.J. de Witt, whose office in Haskell House was relinquished to student housing, has temporarily moved his operations across the street, to the living room of Hamel House, his on-campus residence.

Days prior to the move, Dr. de Witt was seated behind the desk in his neatly appointed Haskell House office when two strapping, male student basketball players loomed in the doorway. They were there to inspect the office — their new room assignment, they explained. "I don't suppose you'd be willing to leave us the leather couch?" asked one. He wasn't.

"When we factor the record numbers of applications we received this year, count the surge in admissions, and note the 40-plus point increase in student SAT scores, we have every reason to celebrate a most remarkable decade of transformation," President de Witt remarks.

"These healthy increases bode well for Lasell's future. It strengthens our commitment to continue what we do best — to offer a unique education in which we nurture individual learners, engage them in critical thinking, allow them freedom to explore new interests, and make them all feel like contributing members of a vibrant college." ❧

PEN New England Award Winner

LASELL ENGLISH PROFESSOR RISA MILLER GETS "DISCOVERED"

IT IS, BY ALL MEASURE, ONE OF the most prestigious honors an up-and-coming author can attain. Best selling Sue (*The Good Mother*) Miller was one, as was essayist Sven (*The Gutenberg Elegies*) Birkerts and sports writer/enthusiast, Bill Littlefield. And now Lasell College's very own Risa Miller can proudly count herself among PEN New England's cream-of-the-crop "Discovery" authors.

Risa Miller, Professor of English at Lasell College

Last spring, at Radcliffe's Bunting Institute, Risa Miller was one of three promising unpublished writers to be singled out for "Discovery" status at PEN New England's annual Discovery Evening. PEN (Poets, Essayists and Novelists) is part of a worldwide organization of professional writers who are dedicated to advancing the cause of literature and reading and defending free expression.

Not only was Risa Miller chosen for the distinction, but she was also introduced by acclaimed novelist Elinor (*Isabel's Bed, The Inn at Lake Devine, The Ladies' Man*) Lipman. Then, she was invited to read selections from her novel, *Welcome to Heavenly Heights* to an august group of writers, including James (*Mortal Friends*) Carroll.

It was, Risa Miller admits, a heady experience. Begun in 1980, the PEN New England Discovery Evening is an anointing of promising, unpublished writers who are introduced by established authors to an audience of writers including the likes of Anne (*The School Book, The Language of Names*) Bernays, Marge (*Small Changes*) Piercy, and Tracy (*House*) Kidder. Trolling through the crowd of literati are publishers, editors and agents seeking new talent to embrace, promote, and make famous.

This luminous event is a boon for Risa Miller that goes beyond ego. As she told a writer for the *Boston Phoenix* newspaper that evening, being 'discovered' is a "validation with a capital V and lots of exclamation marks."

But it also catapults the teacher, author, and mother of five into contender status in the literary world. "A nod from PEN gives a writer real cache," says one long-time observer

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Lasell Celebrates Its Faculty

TEACHING AT LASELL HAS ALWAYS HELD SPECIAL MEANING — NOT ONLY for those who ply their art and craft at the head of the classroom, and at challenging connected learning sites — but also for the students whose lives they touch with their vision, wisdom, and inspiration.

Academics, both teaching and learning, are after all, the core reasons for the existence of Lasell College. And attracting, retaining, and invigorating topflight faculty who are responsible for Lasell's reputation is as much part of the institutional mission as is the College's commitment to empower its students to become successful in their lives and their careers.

On these pages, Lasell salutes its faculty — old, new, and departed — who bring unique skills, dedication, and talent to the campus.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

"As Chair, I look forward to working under the leadership of Dr. Arturo Iriarte and Dean Paula Panchuck to develop two new programs — the bachelor of science degrees in MIS and in Computer Science. The new programs will complement the existing excellence of the business programs offered in the School of Business and Information Technology."

— Noel R. Alexis

Noel R. Alexis has been appointed assistant professor and chair of the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department. Mr. Alexis earned his Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, from Wentworth Institute of Technology and holds a master of education degree from Cambridge College, with a focus on curriculum design of technology programs. Assistant Professor Alexis has completed all but his dissertation at the University of Sarasota for a doctorate degree in leadership focusing on program assessment, research design, and evaluation. He has held faculty positions at the University of Massachusetts/Boston, Northeastern University, Curry College, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

"Effective writing is a game of strategy. One gauges one's audience and develops tactics in order to create an impact and achieve a goal. There is no writing 'gene,' and no one is born a bad writer. As with any sport, to master the basics of writing takes training and discipline. I love watching students come to this realization — that words have real power and that power is theirs to use."

— Dr. Stephanie Athey

Stephanie Athey, Ph.D. of Cambridge, who is replacing retired Professor Emeritus Ken Matheson, is the new assistant professor of English in the Humanities Department. Dr. Athey earned her doctorate degree in English from the University of Minnesota. She was assistant professor of English at Stetson University and is a faculty research associate of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Dr. Athey has extensive publications focusing on race and gender in American literature.

"I'm looking forward to assisting the Education Department and the College community in curriculum, special needs, learning support technology, and teacher certification."

—Dr. John Carroll

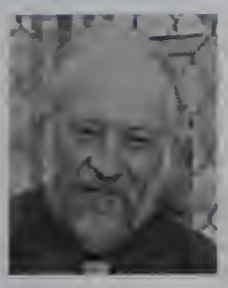
John J. Carroll, Ed.D., of Natick, who replaces Dr. Suzanne St. Germain, has been named associate professor in the Education Department.

Dr. Carroll earned his doctorate degree in education from Boston University. He has an undergraduate and master's degree from Boston State College. Dr. Carroll most recently served as associate professor and senior lecturer at Curry College for the Program for Advancement of Learning, a nationally recognized curriculum for students with learning disabilities. His areas of specialization are curriculum adaptation, learning disabilities and special needs.

"I look forward to bringing our business students in touch with the basic skills they need to carry into a workplace which is constantly changing and placing increasing and different demands on its practitioners."

– Dr. Norman Hansen

Norman E. Hansen, Ph.D., of Brookline, has been appointed as assistant professor of business and chair of the Business Management Department, where he replaces George Redmond. Dr. Hansen earned his doctorate degree from Northeastern University. He taught business management at Northeastern University and Newbury College. Dr. Hansen's area of specialization is business bankruptcy.



"As a laboratory school, the Barn has the luxury of having students whom we train and teach to become very proficient teachers. My approach is to teach by example and demonstrate my intentions by interacting with children, students, and parents in a very individualized way."

— Paul Herzog

Paul Martin Herzog of Lowell, is the new director of the Holway Child Study Center at the Barn. Mr. Herzog earned his master of education degree from Boston College and studied as a doctoral fellow at Clark University. He most recently served as Center Director at the Chelmsford Discovery Center, where he was responsible for the administration and management of an early childhood center-based program for children ages birth through after-school. Paul Herzog has served as a kindergarten teacher, early childhood consultant to the Massachusetts Department of Education, and instructor at the University of Connecticut. He has also worked as a consultant within the University of California system, primarily relating to corporate child care.

"I hope to help our students become successful Occupational Therapy Assistants, and to provide them with a strong background in all aspects of the field."

– Jennifer Kaldenberg

Jennifer M. Kaldenberg has been appointed assistant professor and clinical field work coordinator for the Department of Occupational Therapy Assistant in the School of Allied Health. Ms. Kaldenberg earned her master of science degree in Health Administration from Central Michigan University. She most recently served as occupational therapy supervisor at Trinity Health in Minot, North Dakota, where she provided direct patient treatment and assessment and led

"In 1991, the American Medical Association officially recognized athletic training as an allied health profession and accredited its educational programs. I'm looking forward to building a program here of which our graduates can be proud. We'll be working with students to train them for a career as a certified athletic trainer, working with professional and amateur sports organizations."

— Bill Nowlan

William P. Nowlan, M.Ed., LATC, CSCS, of East Longmeadow, has been appointed assistant professor for the Exercise Science Department and has also been appointed coordinator of athletic training. Mr. Nowlan earned his master's degree in sports medicine from Springfield College. He has been an athletic trainer and assistant professor at several area institutions including, most recently, Sacred Heart University, with a brief stint in Hong Kong.

"Lasell is like a jewel in Massachusetts among so many other institutions. There is such an appreciation for teaching and student development here. I look forward to teaching about ways in which we can ensure that we live healthier lives so we can be free to accomplish much."

— Dr. Etienne Penka

Etienne Penka, Ed.D., of Brighton, has joined the Exercise Science Department as an assistant professor in athletic training. Dr. Penka, whose area of concentration is in health and fitness and sports medicine, earned both his master's and doctorate degrees in education from Boston University and is a licensed athletic trainer. He was a conditioning and gymnastics instructor, coach consultant and athletic trainer at Boston University, and sports safety and CPR for professional rescuer instructor for the American Red Cross. He also served as athletic trainer to the 1994 World Cup Cameroon Soccer Team.

"I look forward to providing our students with a strong foundation to practice successfully in the field of Occupational Therapy and instill in them a sincere appreciation for our field and the individuals we serve."

— Michael E. Roberts

Michael E. Roberts, OT, of Brookline, has been appointed assistant professor and Chair of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Department. Mr. Roberts earned his master of science degree from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy at Tufts University. He was a Clinical Oncology Specialist for Mariner Health at Longwood in Boston and has broad experience as a clinician working at local hospitals and rehab centers. Michael Roberts has an extensive array of presentations to his credit.

Lasell's First Professor Emeritus

KEN MATHESON RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE AT LASELL

Professor Emeritus, Ken Matheson

"I am nourished in the classroom. Each year there is a newness that restores my love of teaching," says Lasell College's first professor emeritus, Ken Matheson. Professor Matheson, on whom the Board of Trustess bestowed the singular honor of professor emeritus status at the 1999 commencement ceremonies, has been teaching English through four decades marked by institutional tumult, change, and transition at Lasell. Through it all, Professor Kenneth Matheson remained a steady, immutable beacon for students whose hearts and minds he infused with a love for learning.

Avuncular, gracious, and always charming, Professor Matheson's contribution to the Lasell community can be measured by the hundreds of students who learned to write, rewrite, communicate, and appreciate the vast wonders of English literature in Professor Matheson's classroom.

"I interviewed for a teaching position at Lasell Junior College with Professor Robert Brandriff who was chair of the English department. I then accepted the post from Dr. Richard Packard, acting president at the time," he recalls. It was an auspicious day on two accounts. "I remember the day distinctly, because it was also the day on which my son was born."

And so began a distinguished 40-year career at Lasell.

Professor Matheson earned his undergraduate degree from Boston University in 1956. Coincidentally, one of his professors at BU was Donald J. Winslow — a trustee emeritus, whose father, Guy M. Winslow, led Lasell from 1908 to 1945.

After graduation, Ken Matheson experimented with the corporate life, and soon discovered that, "I didn't cotton to the banking world." Academia beckoned and he returned to Boston University for post-graduate study. He received his master's degree in English literature in 1959.

Ken Matheson's initial foray into teaching occurred when he was a graduate student. "I was offered an assistant teaching position on a Thursday and was told to start work on Monday." Without a moment's hes-

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Faculty Updates

WHO'S DOING WHAT, WHERE

Professor of Humanities **Joseph Aieta, III**, who has been teaching history, political science, philosophy, and religion at Lasell since 1969, recently chaired a session at the 20th Medieval Forum at Plymouth State College. He also presented a paper at the conference titled, "The Mountains Return to Muhammad: Late Twentieth Century Biographical Perspectives on the Prophet."

Professor Aieta also has two book reviews ready for publication, both in *The European Legacy*: Rivka Feldhay's *Galileo and the Church* and Van A. Harvey's *Feuerbach and the Interpretation of Religion*. Professor Aieta has a B.S. degree in History from the College of the Holy Cross and a M.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies as well as an M.A. in Politics from Brandeis University.

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Assistant Professor **Helen Alcala**, who teaches French and Spanish in the Liberal Arts Department, also delivered a paper at the 20th Medieval Forum at Plymouth State College. It was titled, "Christine de Pizan - early feminist and/or remarkable woman." Assistant Professor Alcala has been teaching at Lasell since 1986.

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Dean of Student Affairs, **Diane M. Austin**, presented a session entitled "A Baby Boomer Gets Reflective ... and Gets a Grip," a developmental look at mid-life issues, at the 12th annual Women's Issues and Leadership Conference at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL.

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Associate Professor of Education, **Dr. John Carroll**, who teaches Special Needs Curriculum and Literacy, was a presenter at the International Educators Conference, in Denver, Colorado, in May, 1999. His topic was "Adapting for Disabilities in an Intensive English Program." He is also actively involved with Educational Technology Development, Special Learning Needs Support, and the ADA. Dr. Carroll has a Bachelor of Science degree in History/Education and a Master of Education degree from Boston State College and a Doctor of Education degree in Curriculum Theory and Development, including a concentration in Special Needs from Boston University.

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Librarian **June Coughlan** has joined the faculty at Brennan Library and teaches Library Instruction and Information Literacy. She is a graduate with B.A. and B.Ed degrees from Osmania University, and holds an M.L.S. and M.A. from Simmons College and the University of Hyderabad, respectively.

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Assistant Professor **Diane L. Dednah** has been appointed Clinical Coordinator for the School of Allied Health. She is responsible for overseeing all student internship experiences to ensure quality and consistency; she will also facilitate clinical program development. She is currently enrolled in a certificate program at Middlesex Community College in Training Design and Development as part of her professional development effort to assist her in the instruction delivery of Kinesiology, Modalities Labs, and clinical courses. She has been a member of Lasell's faculty since 1993.

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Nancy Levine, a part-time instructor in the Psychology Department, who teaches Introduction to Psychology, Psychology of Adjustment, Abnormal Psychology, and Psychology of the Lifespan, has put a toe in the political waters. "After many years of being a parent activist in the Newton Public Schools, I have decided to run for a seat on the Newton School Committee for Ward 4 (Auburndale and Newton Lower Falls)." We wish her well. A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, with a B.A. degree, Ms. Levine also holds an M.S.W. degree from the Simmons College School of Social Work.

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Soprano **Leslie Maglitta**, who joined the Lasell faculty this year as a lecturer in music, presented a recital with Daniel Wyneken on piano at St. Paul's Church in Brookline, Massachusetts. Ms Maglitta performed works by Copland, Barber, Turina, Blitzstein and Weill.

She also serves on the voice faculty of the New England Conservatory Extension and Preparatory Schools, the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, and maintains a private teaching studio in Cambridge.

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Assistant Professor Sandra McElroy, Ph.D., has been named Chair of the Education

MOVING ON

Several distinguished faculty members recently departed Lasell to accept challenging new positions. We congratulate them and wish them well in their new endeavors:

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Associate Professor **Kerrissa Heffernan, Ed.D.** — the recipient of the Joan Weiler Arnow '49 Professorship, the first faculty endowed chair — has departed the College to pursue an opportunity at Brown University, where she had worked and studied during her recent sabbatical. Dr. Heffernan, whose contributions to Lasell included founding and directing the Center for Public Service and co-founding and directing Camp Colors, the campus-based summer day camp for children with HIV, has assumed the position of Project Associate for the National Compact, headquartered at Brown. There, she will work on a faculty development program to introduce issues of service and civility/social responsibility. In her new role, Dr. Heffernan will be traveling to numerous colleges and collaborating with some of the leading national scholars in the field.

During her 15 years at Lasell — serving in capacities as far-ranging as Director of Lifestyles (a fitness and wellness program) and the director of the Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life — Dr. Heffernan had been a determined catalyst for change. She "challenged our assumptions and brought the best out of students," President de Witt said. "As we celebrate her success here, and wish her well in her new position, we must ensure that the issues she raised and the programs she developed continue to be part of the Lasell experience for all."

"As an entrepreneurial college, Lasell should not be surprised when some of those entrepreneurs strike out on their own or pursue long held dreams."

— President Thomas E.J. de Witt

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Dr. Suzanne St. Germain, chair of the Education department, has taken a challenging position with Commonwealth Learning Centers, where she will use her extensive skill and training in teaching the learning disabled, to direct and coordinate three new centers in the region. The new position provides her with a wonderful opportunity to combine her academic skills, a love of teaching, and an emerging entrepreneurial interest.

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George Redmond, the genial head of the business program, departed from Lasell this summer to take a teaching position at Agnes Scott College, a 700-student women's college in Georgia, in order to be closer to his children. "The students adored George, his commitment, his constant presence on campus and the talents he brought to the classroom," President de Witt said about Assistant Professor Redmond's departure.

Department. Dr. McElroy completed her doctoral work at Boston University in 1986 and served as University Supervisor at Harvard University for eight years. She has also been on the faculty at Lesley College, Emmanuel College, and at Wheelock College where she was nominated for the Cynthia Longfellow Teaching Award. While at Wheelock, Dr. McElroy was also a research associate for the Center on Families, Communities, Schools and Children's Learning on a study entitled, "How Families Support the Success of Young Children."

Involved in education for some 25 years, she has taught in both public and private school settings in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. She is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and is a certified Public School Principal K-6, 7-9.

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Assistant Professor of Nursing, **Lisa M. Montuori,** has been named Interim Director of the Center for Public Service. In March, 1999 she traveled to Cuba with a group of 22 U.S. citizens as part of an educational exchange to learn first-hand about that country's social and religious issues. The trip was sponsored by Kirkridge, a retreat center in Pennsylvania, and hosted by the Center for Reflection and Dialogue in Cardenas, Cuba, an ecumenical center active in religious education, social and environmental community activities, and education programs for foreign visitors.

"Our group visited Old Havana, the Cuban Council of Churches, several churches active in the arts and hospitality, a day care center and schools, farms, historical sites and museums, and homes in cities and rural areas. Interspersed with our travels we participated in talks about Cuban history, its culture, and environmental, economic, and political issues." Assistant Professor Montouri plans to visit Cuba again in the future and hopes to use her experiences to promote better understanding and further dialogue between U.S. and Cuban citizens.

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Newly appointed **Vice President for Enrollment Management, Kathleen O'Connor,** was highly praised by President de Witt in his recent announcement of her promotion from Dean. "While the title and concomitant honor do not confer new responsibilities (she already has plenty)," said President de Witt, "this action represents a public confirmation of her important role at Lasell and a grateful acknowledgement of her tremendous contributions to our recent enrollment success, especially her leadership during the transition to coeducation."

President de Witt continued, "She would be the first to share this honor with her very talented staff led by Director of Admission David Eddy and Director of Student Financial Planning, Daniel Barkowitz. She has worked tirelessly and with incredible dedication in the trenches for more years than most managers, never losing hope in those years when enrollment seemed to falter. The timing of this trustee action was propitious, coinciding with my charge to Kate to begin to develop, collaboratively, a strategic plan for improving retention."

LASELL EXPLORES INTERNATIONAL FACULTY/STUDENT EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Arturo U. Iriarte, Vice President of Academic Affairs, is bullish on building formal connections with institutions of higher education abroad. In October he hosted visits to the Lasell campus of representatives from two institutions abroad — St. Martin's College, in Lancaster, England, and LSB College in Dublin. Then, in early November, he traveled to England for discussions on the subject with key institutional representatives. "Creating exchanges among faculty and students in a formal arrangement offers a real intellectual growth opportunity for everyone involved," he says. ❧

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Paula Panchuck, Ph.D., Dean of Lasell Village, recently completed a research project for Generations Inc. of Boston that examined the impact of intergenerational activities on elders who participated in them at two elder residence settings in South Boston and Jamaica Plain. Additionally, during National Assisted Living Week (September 13-17), Dr. Panchuck was asked to speak to residents of The BayView, a South Boston facility, to share her findings and to encourage them to participate in intergenerational activities, "For the Health of It."

Dr. Panchuck has been on the faculty at Lasell since 1985. She is a graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree from UMass-Amherst. She earned her M.Ed. from Framingham State College and holds a Ph.D. in Adult Development and Aging from Lesley College.

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Associate Professor of Humanities, **Mimi Reddicliffe**, who teaches freshman writing courses, creative writing, and "The Mystery Novel: The History of Detective Fiction," has finished the mystery on which she had been working while on sabbatical. Called *A Development on Nantucket*, she is currently looking for a publisher as she works on a second novel in what she hopes will be a series. A graduate of Vassar College, she holds an M.Ed. degree from Boston University and an M.F.A. degree from Emerson College. She has been teaching at Lasell College since 1987.

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Associate Professor Stephen N. Sarikas, Ph.D., of the Science and Mathematics Department, who teaches Anatomy & Physiology, Global Ecology, Topics in Contemporary Science, and Revolutions in Science, is currently working on two projects: a laboratory manual for anatomy & physiology, and a continuation of his 10-year study on HIV/AIDS awareness among students at Lasell College. Lasell senior in the education department, Carrie Hilliker, will be doing an independent study with Dr. Sarikas, conducting a literature review that will provide him with valuable background information for writing his next paper.

Dr. Sarikas will be on sabbatical during the spring 2000 semester, during which time he will write new chapters for his manual and author his second paper on AIDS awareness, this one covering the last five years of his AIDS research. The first paper, co-authored by Ann Heiselberg, who graduated from Lasell in 1994, was published in 1998.

Dr. Sarikas, who has been teaching at Lasell since 1989, is a graduate with a B.S. degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He earned an M.A. degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and holds a Ph.D. from Boston University School of Medicine.

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Michael Roberts, MS, OTR/L, the Chair of Lasell's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, continued his five-year participation in the *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* walk along Boston's Charles River on October 3. "My clinical specialty as an occupational therapist is rehabilitation with people living with cancer. As part of my commitment to the eradication of this disease's destructive effects, I have participated in the walk to help raise money for breast cancer treatment, research, and services."

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Department of Social Sciences faculty, **Cate Solomon, M.S.W., Ph.D.**, an Assistant Professor of Human Services, has published a book titled, *Active Learning Exercises for Social Work and the Human Services*, published by Allyn & Bacon. She also was a presenter at a workshop for supervisors at Boston University on Process Recording, a learning tool for social work students and will conduct an experiential workshop on active learning exercises for instructors at the National Association of Social Workers symposium in Boston next April. In November, Dr. Solomon offered Lasell faculty a two-part workshop: "Demystifying the Process of Getting Your Work Published" and "An Exchange of Active Learning Exercises to Further Engage Students in the Classroom."

Dr. Solomon holds a B.A. degree from Macalester College, earned her M.S.W. degree from Smith College School for Social Work, and holds a Ph.D. from the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University. She began teaching at Lasell in 1994.

Spring Athletics Highlights

SOFTBALL

Lasell's softball team was under the direction of two new coaches this year as Head Coach Bob McKinley and Assistant Coach Tom DeFillipo made their debut. The team also for the first time played on a "skinned" infield as Taylor Field was renovated to meet NCAA specifications for softball.

The women's softball team finished the season with a respectable record of 7–10. Leading the team in offense was Rose Dunham '99 and Katherine Lord '00 who had batting averages of .440 and .430. Lasell recorded an all-time number of stolen bases with 71. Melissa Wilson '01 and Rose Dunham led the team with 14 each.

The Lasers were the runners-up in the North Atlantic Women's Conference Championship losing in the finals to Wheelock College. Melissa Wilson '01 and Jaime Frederiksen '00 were named to the All-Tournament team during the championships. The goal for the 2000 team is to capture the conference championship and improve upon their record. This goal is within reach with a spring trip to Florida planned and the first-year talent that is coming in to participate on the team.

LACROSSE

The men's lacrosse team, under the direction of Coach Kevin Tyska, had a successful inaugural season and finished the season with a respectable 7-7 record. All of the home games were played on the new Grellier Field and the site was praised by all opponents. The team consisting of all first-year students worked hard during the off-season conditioning and honing their skills to become a competitive team. The Lasers outscored their opponents by a total of 27 goals and an average of 1.2 goals/game. Goalie Paul Lively '02 recorded 250 saves for the season. Leading scorers for the team were Eric Lewandoski '02 and Alex Paragios '02 with 39 and 35 goals respectively. Lasell defeated such teams as Clark, Franklin Peirce, Utica and Curry. With a talented recruiting class coming in, Coach Tyska is excited about the 2000 season and expects to better the 1999 record.

At Lasell 1999 All-Sports Banquet

KIPLEE JOHNSON NAMED ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Student Athelete of the Year Kiplee Johnson

Kiplee Johnson '99 received Student-Athlete of the Year honors at the 1999 Lasell College Awards Banquet. Earning varsity letters in both cross-country and basketball, Johnson was a standout on the basketball court, providing leadership and motivation to the Laser's young team. "Kiplee is just a phenomenal person and team member," says Tracey Downes, head women's basketball coach. "She is a great motivator. People love watching her play because of her energy and enthusiasm — she sparks up the team on and off the court."

An Exercise Physiology major maintaining a 3.75 grade point average, Kiplee Johnson is also a member of the Student-Athlete Honor Roll. ❧

ERIC LEWANDOSKI NAMED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Eric Lewandoski '02 was named Male Rookie of the Year at the 1999 Lasell College All-Sports Banquet. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to Lasell's inaugural men's athletic program and his excellent academic performance. Earning varsity letters in both soccer and lacrosse, the freshman tri-captain led Lasell College's first men's lacrosse team to a 7-7 season, scoring an impressive 39 goals and 23 assists. "Eric is going to be a very big part of this school over the next three years," states Kevin Tyska, head lacrosse coach. "He earned a starting spot on the men's soccer team, and is one of the key building blocks of the lacrosse program." Coach Tyska goes on to say, "Eric is a very talented athlete, whose work ethic and attitude will serve him well in sports and life."

Lewandoski is also a member of the Student-Athlete Honor Roll. ❧

Eric Lewandoski, Male Rookie of the Year

JEN LESNICK AWARDED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS

Jennifer Lesnick, Female Rookie of the Year

Jennifer Lesnick '02, a freshman starter on the 1998-1999 Lasell College women's basketball team, led the Lasers to a third place finish in the North Atlantic Women's Conference, earning her Lasell's Rookie of the Year honors. Lesnick was the team's leading scorer, averaging 14.2 points a game and turning in an outstanding 327-point season.

In addition to the Rookie of the Year award, Lesnick was elected to the North Atlantic Women's Conference First Team. "Jen works hard at mastering her position. She sets goals for herself and plays to achieve them," says Tracy Downes, head women's basketball coach. "At the same time, she is a good team player — very unselfish and keeps the teams goals in sight."

Jen's considerable offensive talents were matched by her defensive skills as she topped the team in steals as well, averaging five a game. In a 96-66 victory over Bay Path College, Lesnick led the team in scoring with a season high 44 points netting 10 three-point baskets, 10 steals, and 12 assists for the win. "At this pace, Jen could be Lasell's first 1,000 point scorer," says Downes. ❧

1999 All-Sports Banquet Award Winners

	MVP	MOST IMPROVED	COACH'S AWARD
W-Soccer	Lauren Polimeno '00	Priscilla Drakeford '00	Heidi Lewis '01
M-Soccer	Bryan Silvera '02	Jordan Scaccia '02	Brian Smith '02
Volleyball	Deidre Tart WD	Lyanna Cortez WD	Sarah Quinones '02
W-Cross Country			Siobhan Smith '01
M-Cross Country			Sophan Keo '03
Softball	Melissa Wilson '01	Katherine Lord '00	
M-Basketball	Pierre Francios '01	Derrick Winston '00	Pat McTomney '02
W-Basketball	Kiplee Johnson '99	Heather Maling '00	
M-Lacrosse	Alex Paragios '02	Mike Pratt '02	Paul Lively '02

The 1999–2000 Season

COACHES HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THEIR TEAMS FOR THE '99–'00 season as two new teams are added and additional conference championships are scheduled.

Some 140 student athletes, comprising 20% of the total student population, will participate on intercollegiate teams this season.

Field hockey and men's volleyball will debut as varsity teams this year, bringing the number of Lasell varsity teams to 11.

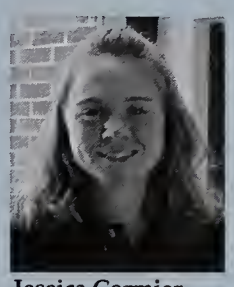
Jessica Cormier, a former assistant coach at Bentley College, will head the first women's field hockey team and is excited about the potential for building a winning team. The team, with a 12 game schedule, will play all of its home games on Grellier Field. Men's volleyball will begin its season in the spring and will be coached by Rich Hereau, a recent Bridgewater State graduate. The men will compete in the Northeast Volleyball Conference and will face teams from Johnson & Wales, Rivier, Wentworth, and Western New England.

Recently, Lasell joined with several other institutions to create the North Atlantic Conference. The conference will hold nine championships this year and Lasell College expects to be in contention for as many as four of these championships. Championships will be held in men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, field hockey, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's basketball and softball. All championships will be held at the highest seed in each sport. The other institutions in this conference include: Bay Path College, Becker College, Elms College, Lesley College, Maine Maritime College, Mt. Ida College and Wheelock College.

Lasell College is also a new member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). Membership in this conference gives the teams and individual athletes additional opportunities for post-season competition and recognition. ❧

New Assistant Athletic Director Appointed

JESSICA CORMIER, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS head field hockey coach for Lasell, added a new title and roster of responsibilities when named Assistant Athletic Director at Lasell.



Jessica Cormier, Assitant Athletic Director at Lasell

The Bentley College graduate, a field hockey All-American in 1995 and 1996, and the Northeast-10 Player of the Year in 1996, says enthusiastically, "I am looking forward to getting the word out about Lasell's athletic programs." Jessica goes on to say, "I'm charged with making things run like clockwork: game management, student well-being, and lots of administrative detail. I love the school and where it is going. Lasell is attracting quality athletes and good kids. It's an exciting time to be here, and to be a part of the growth."

Before coming to Lasell, Jessica was the assistant field hockey coach at Bentley and helped lead the team to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) finals in 1997 and 1998. She also served as a sales and marketing representative for CranBarry Sporting Goods in East Boston. ❧

Lasell College Sports Calendar 1999–2000

(Listings that appear in all caps denote home games. Occasionally, due to weather, etc., dates and times may change. For confirmation, please check with the Athletics Department at 617-243-2147.)

MEN'S BASKETBALL 1999–2000

NOVEMEBR			
19	Friday	College of New Jersey Tournament	TBA
20	Saturday	College of New Jersey Tournament	TBA
30	Tuesday	Mt. Ida College *	6:00 p.m.
DECEMBER			
2	Thursday	EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE	8:00 p.m.
3	Friday	Williams College Tournament	TBA
4	Saturday	Williams College Tournament	TBA
8	Wednesday	DANIEL WEBSTER COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
9	Thursday	GORDON COLLEGE	6:00 p.m.
11	Saturday	NICHOLS COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
28	Tuesday	Western Connecticut University Tournament	TBA
29	Wednesday	Western Connecticut University Tournament	TBA
JANUARY			
13	Thursday	Keene State College	7:00 p.m.
16	Sunday	JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE	2:00 p.m.
18	Tuesday	FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
20	Thursday	Curry College	7:00 p.m.
22	Saturday	ELMS COLLEGE*	2:00 p.m.
26	Wednesday	Becker College*	7:00 p.m.
31	Monday	New England College	7:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY			
3	Wednesday	MT. IDA COLLEGE*	7:00 p.m.
5	Saturday	Maine Maritime*	12:00 p.m.
7	Monday	ANNA MARIA COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
9	Wednesday	BECKER COLLEGE*	7:00 p.m.
10	Thursday	Trinity College	7:00 p.m.
15	Tuesday	Elms College*	6:00 p.m.
17	Thursday	NEWBERRY COLLEGE	6:00 p.m.
24	Thursday	NAC Quarterfinals	TBA
26	Saturday	NAC Semi-finals	TBA
27	Sunday	NAC Finals	TBA

* Denotes North Atlantic Conference game

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 1999–2000

NOVEMBER			
19	Friday	LASELL COLLEGE TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT	TBA
20	Saturday	LASELL COLLEGE TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT	TBA
23	Tuesday	Daniel Webster College	8:00 p.m.
29	Monday	Becker College*	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER			
2	Thursday	EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE	6:00 p.m.
4	Saturday	Russell Sage Tournament	TBA
5	Sunday	Russell Sage Tournament	TBA
9	Thursday	WHEELOCK COLLEGE*	8:00 p.m.
11	Saturday	Maine Maritime Academy*	12:00 p.m.
13	Monday	JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY	7:00 p.m.
JANUARY			
16	Sunday	JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE	12:00 p.m.
18	Tuesday	LESLEY COLLEGE*	6:00 p.m.
20	Thursday	Emerson College	7:00 p.m.
22	Saturday	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	4:00 p.m.
26	Wednesday	BAY PATH COLLEGE*	7:30 p.m.
28	Friday	Notre Dame College	6:00 p.m.
30	Sunday	Wheelock College*	2:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY			
3	Thursday	Lesley College*	7:00 p.m.
8	Tuesday	BECKER COLLEGE*	7:00 p.m.
10	Thursday	Mt. Ida College*	7:00 p.m.
12	Saturday	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY*	1:00 p.m.
15	Tuesday	Elms College*	8:00 p.m.
17	Thursday	NEWBURY COLLEGE	8:00 p.m.
20	Sunday	Bay Path College*	1:30 p.m.
24	Thursday	NAC Quarterfinals	TBA
26	Saturday	NAC Semi-finals	TBA
27	Sunday	NAC Finals	TBA

* Denotes North Atlantic Conference game

SOFTBALL 2000

MARCH			
13-20		Fort Myers Tournament	TBA
22	Wednesday	BECKER COLLEGE*	3:30 p.m.
25	Saturday	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY*(2)	12:00 p.m.
26	Sunday	St. Joseph College (Conn.)(2)	12:00 p.m.
27	Monday	JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY	4:00 p.m.
30	Thursday	Pine Manor College	4:00 p.m.
APRIL			
1	Saturday	WHEELOCK COLLEGE*(2)	12:30 p.m.
3	Monday	LESLEY COLLEGE*(2)	3:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	Bay Path Tournament(2)	TBA
9	Sunday	Bay Path Tournament(1 or 2)	TBA
13	Thursday	Newbury College (2)	3:30 p.m.
16	Sunday	BAY PATH COLLEGE*(2)	12:00 p.m.
18	Tuesday	MT. IDA COLLEGE*(2)	3:30 p.m.
19	Wednesday	Rivier College	5:00 p.m.
24	Monday	Daniel Webster College (2)	3:30 p.m.
25	Tuesday	ELMS COLLEGE*(2)	3:00 p.m.
27	Thursday	NAC Quarterfinals	TBA
29	Saturday	NAC Semifinals and Finals	TBA
30	Sunday	Rain date — NAC Semifinals and Finals	TBA

* Denotes North Atlantic Conference game

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2000

FEBRUARY			
10	Thursday	Wentworth Institute of Technology	7:00 p.m.
14	Monday	Western New England College	7:00 p.m.
16	Wednesday	NEWBURY COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
22	Tuesday	ENDICOTT COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
23	Wednesday	Johnson & Wales University	7:00 p.m.
MARCH			
1	Wednesday	WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	7:00 p.m.
4	Saturday	Rivier College Tournament	TBA
7	Tuesday	Endicott College	7:00 p.m.
9	Thursday	Newbury College	7:00 p.m.
21	Tuesday	RIVIER COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
22	Wednesday	JOHNSON & WALES	7:00 p.m.
26	Sunday	TRI MATCH w/D'YOUVILLE & WNEC	12:00 p.m.
APRIL			
25	Tuesday	Medaille College	TBA

MEN'S LACROSSE 2000

FEBRUARY			
26	Saturday	Bentley-scrimmage	TBA
MARCH			
4	Saturday	Manhattanville College @ West Haven High School, CT	12:00 p.m.
11	Saturday	AIC@ WHHS in CT	2:00 p.m.
22	Wednesday	SALEM STATE COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
28	Sunday	Wesleyan University	3:30 p.m.
APRIL			
4	Tuesday	WHEATON COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
9	Sunday	Castleton State College	1:30 p.m.
13	Thursday	Franklin Pierce College	3:45 p.m.
15	Saturday	Daniel Webster College	1:00 p.m.
20	Thursday	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN	3:30 p.m.
22	Saturday	NICHOLS COLLEGE	12:00 p.m.
25	Tuesday	CURRY COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
28	Friday	MT. IDA COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.

Chronicler of Men and Masculinity Speaks at Lasell

NATIONALLY RENOWNED sociologist, author, and lecturer, **Michael S. Kimmel, Ph.D.**, brought his unique and sometimes controversial perspectives on men and masculinity to the Lasell College Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center on Wednesday, April 28.

The event was sponsored by the Nancy Lawson Donahue '49 Institute for Values and Public Life. He presented a lecture, "Martians and Venutians Go to College: Male-Female Relations in the New Millennium."

Author of a number of articles and anthologies on the topic of masculinity dating back to the late 1980s, Dr. Kimmel's *Manhood in America: A Cultural History* explores the evolution and experience of being a man in America.

Among the books he has authored or edited are *Boyhood, Growing Up Male: A Multicultural Anthology, Love Letters Between a Certain Late Nobleman and the Famous Mr. Wilson*, and *The Politics of Manhood: Profeminist Men Respond to the Mythopoetic Men's Movement (And the Mythopoetic Leaders Answer).* ❧

With "Dusty Shoe Tour" preview Lasell Village Prepares for Opening

AS THE SPRING OPENING OF LASELL VILLAGE NEARS, THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT continuing care retirement community is taking visible shape on Lasell College's campus.

Framing for all of the community's 14 buildings are now up and in various stages of construction. In fact, future residents had the opportunity to preview their new home when they took a special "dusty shoe tour" in early October.

Lasell Village today

Lasell Village's executive director, James P. Wingardner, was appointed in August. He has quickly assumed a high profile among Village people, meeting with residents, overseeing construction, and helping plan day-to-day life at the community. Mr. Wingardner was previously director of operations for Fox Hill Village Retirement Community in Westwood and spent nine years with the Tara Hotels Division of the Flatley Company in Braintree.

"I'm delighted to be part of this wonderful community," said Mr. Wingardner. "Excitement about Lasell Village is becoming even stronger as the opening date approaches."

Lasell Village will offer 162 apartments in 14 buildings spread over 13 landscaped acres on the College's campus. Designed in the style of an English village, complete with a town hall and clock tower, it will be the only continuing care retirement community in the city of Newton. An innovative aspect of Lasell Village is the opportunity for interaction with young people and the educational programming that its residents will experience. This programming, customized to each resident's interests, includes physical fitness and cultural activities, the ability to do volunteer work and mentoring, teaching, and the opportunity to participate in college classes. Upon its completion, Lasell Village will become the headquarters for the Lasell Institute for Learning in Retirement, part of the Elderhostel Institute Network.

Lasell Village is scheduled to open in the second quarter of 2000. For more information on Lasell Village, please call (617) 243-2323. ❧

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itation he accepted. "I knew then that I wanted to teach."

Robert Brandriff, chair of the English Department, hired Professor Matheson for the 1959–1960 school year. "At that time, I had only half of a year of teaching experience," he recalls.

When he arrived on campus that fall, Lasell's faculty was grappling with the turmoil created by a turnover in leadership at Lasell. Yet, what Professor Matheson remembers was how very welcoming everyone was. "Ruth Wolf Fuller, a faculty member, brought by a cake. I've never forgotten her kindness," he recalls fondly.

With Robert Brandriff's departure in 1961, the young English professor was appointed chair of the English department. "I had a very full plate early on in my career."

During this time his wife, Barbara, was also fulfilling her responsibilities as a costume designer at Emerson College. As Professor Matheson remembers, " I was teaching in the mornings, in order to be home with the children so that my wife could pursue her career in the afternoons." Those years of balancing family and career had a profound effect on Professor Matheson, changing the way he perceived women's role in society, and his approach to teaching.

"I felt it was important to challenge students way of looking at the world."

Lasell Junior College was not immune to the civil and social unrest of the 1960's. Professor Matheson recalls this as a time on campus of quiet alienation. Suddenly, the rules changed, as did the relationship between faculty, administration, and students.

In April 1970, Lasell students went on strike, protesting the termination of five faculty members. Professor Matheson sympathized with the students, "I was surprised. In taking this stance, they revealed themselves to be politically engaged, and articulate about issues outside the classroom."

After serving as chair of the English department for 10 years, Ken Matheson stepped aside.

Through a Packard Fund Grant from the College, Professor Matheson attended a seminar presented by Roger Garrison, who championed a new teaching philosophy that transformed his classroom. "Before, students were expected to respond to what they thought the teacher wanted, and as a result, I felt their writing was rather hollow. Then, I saw students as the center of the course. Suddenly, they flourished, the classroom became freer, and the discourse more congenial. It felt right.

"When students write about what they know, they truly learn how to think and write." One-on-one conferencing became the cornerstone of Ken Matheson's courses. After 18 years in the classroom, his search was over. He had discovered a methodology that challenged the student to think critically, created an atmosphere of intellectual curiosity, and was rewarding for students and teacher.

Over the last 40 years, Ken Matheson has evolved almost as much as the institution he has served so well. "By my last year in the classroom, the composition of students went from all females to a coed, intergenerational mix that resulted in a wonderful range of experiences and dialogue. My time at Lasell embraced both connected learning and lifelong learning."

Ken Matheson has been witness to the transformation of Lasell. "President Tom de Witt has placed Lasell in the context of meaningful higher education." Professor Matheson enthuses. "The College has been transformed, it has created itself anew."

What a wonderful tribute to Ken Matheson — to know the institution to which he has devoted a better part of his life continues to thrive, and in no small measure because of the many lives he has touched through his dedicated work in the classroom. ❧

ABC-TV's Dr. Timothy Johnson Launches Lasell College Health Care Lecture Series

MORE THAN 75 PEOPLE GATHERED AT THE YAMAWAKI ART AND CULTURAL Center to hear Dr. Timothy Johnson, ABC-TV's nationally acclaimed medical editor, speak about "Changes in Health Care: Options for the New Millennium," Tuesday evening, October 12, 1999, at the inaugural session of the Lasell College Health Care Series.

Dr. Johnson's extemporaneous speech, delivered with the compelling, authoritative ease he regularly demonstrates on national television, covered health care history from the post World War II era — "when the doctor was king and financing was a relatively simple issue negotiated between the doctor and the patient" — to the new age of managed care, when spiraling costs have driven health care decisions into the hands of insurance companies and government bureaucrats.

Saying that the United States is one of only two developed nations that does not provide universal coverage to its population, Dr. Johnson compared the U.S. health care system to that of Canada, where government financing and private delivery of medical services has resulted in half of what the U.S. is spending on health care with outcomes as good as ours.

"Our technical-science-medical investment and science development capacity has reached a point where costs are so astronomical that no developed country can afford it," Dr. Johnson cautioned. "The American health care system is facing a "real crisis" in which "hard societal decisions will need to be made about who gets what kind of care."

The lecture series, sponsored jointly by Lasell

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of the process. For Miller, whose agent is now shopping the book out among publishers, the attention has been "delightful but not life-transforming." Life goes on, she assures with a ready smile.

So it is that casual, unassuming Risa Miller meets her classes, standing at the chalk board, lecturing on the difference between formal and informal tone as she chalk-writes examples taken from email for the dissection and edification of her students.

"I have a passion for writing," she admits, confiding that she already has begun work on a second novel. Writing is what Risa Miller does with whatever free time she can accumulate. ❧

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AT PEN DISCOVERY EVENING

by Author Elinor Lipman

Risa Miller was born and raised in Baltimore; graduated from Goucher College, studied English literature at Brandeis, took 15 years off to do a job that would take most of us twice that long — raise five children — then received her M.F.A. from Emerson in 1995, where she studied with James Carroll, Sven Birkerts, Askold Melnyczuk, and Joan Millman. A year later, at the Simmons/NE writers' conference, Jill McCorkle introduced me to Risa.

"Risa's wonderful," Jill exclaimed, which led to our musing, "Where do we go from here?"

Risa told me her subject was American Jews who had made Aliyah, who had moved, not just to Israel, but to the West Bank.

Nothing was settled at that moment, in the corridor, but we talked again at the closing reception. She remembers making a joke that her manuscript was like a chicken with a metal tag on its wing, proclaiming it Kosher. She says I laughed, then said, "You know? Why don't you send me 25 pages?"

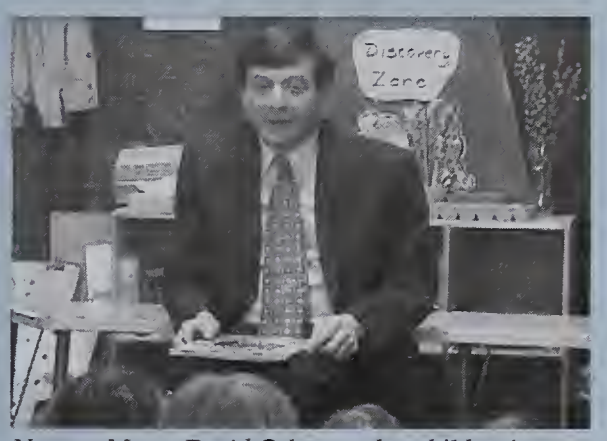
Well, she did. And it wasn't enough. I called and said, "I want the rest. I have to read the rest." And it was clear to me that all this manuscript needed was more of itself; more about these reverse-American dreams, more connective tissue, the before and after as well as the quite-perfect existing passages. Each time Risa sent me a new packet, I was unable to resist reading the whole thing, from start to finish. What I find on these pages is wit, economy, understatement; an attention to the salient detail that bespeaks confidence, even mastery. There is not an authorial or mannered word.

She is able to conjure a culture and a movement — part religion, part pipe dream — viewed through the pinhole of one ragged apartment building's door: its families, their dinners, their weddings, their marriages, their mikvahs… the West Bank made human, small, insecure… however relevant it is, in this case, to what the architect Ludwig Mies van de Rohe asserted — "God is in the details." While bombs can be heard at the edges of these pages, it is inside one no-frills Jerusalem apartment building, Heavenly Heights, where Risa Miller sounds her thunder.

It is with great pleasure that I give you Risa Miller, reading from *Welcome to Heavenly Heights*.

Newton's Mayor Celebrates "Week of The Young Child" at Lasell's Rockwell Nursery School

NEWTON MAYOR DAVID Cohen helped celebrate the "Week of the Young Child" at Lasell College's Rockwell Nursery School, on Friday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m., when he gathered toddlers and preschoolers, their parents, and faculty around to read to them a children's story.



Newton Mayor David Cohen reads a children's story to toddlers at Lasell's Rockwell Nursery School.

Rockwell Nursery School and the Barn — with its infant, toddler and preschool programs that comprise Lasell's nationally accredited Holway Child Study Centers — celebrated the week with a capstone party following the Mayor's visit.

The "Week of the Young Child" is a national event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Its purpose is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to support the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Lasell's Holway Child Study Centers, which recently earned a prestigious merit accreditation from NAEYC, serve as laboratory schools and "connected learning" sites for the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Program. There, Lasell students enthusiastically and creatively put the theory and skills they learn in the classroom into action in a real-life setting with young children.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children is the nation's largest organization of early childhood professionals, with more than 101,000 members. ❧

Giving & Receiving

SMART SOLUTIONS TO COMMON QUESTIONS: THE BENEFITS OF CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Many people are currently interested in charitable gift annuities. These easy, stable planned giving vehicles are a great way to support a favorite charitable organization, reduce your income tax burden, and receive a fixed income at very attractive rates.

Katharine A. Urner '83, director of Campaign and Gift Planning.

At Lasell College, a charitable gift annuity can be established with a minimum gift of $10,000 or more in cash or appreciated securities. In exchange for this gift, Lasell agrees to pay one or two beneficiaries age 60 or older an annual amount representing at least 6% of the gifted asset for the rest of their lives. (The older the beneficiary, the higher the percentage payout.) Once set, this payout, typically received by the beneficiaries in quarterly checks, will never change and is not dependent upon the strength of future stock markets or other economic conditions.

At the death of the beneficiary, the amount remaining in the gift annuity passes to the charity for the donor's specified purpose. This gift portion of the gift annuity results in a charitable income tax deduction for the donor in the year the gift annuity is established. The tax deduction is usually roughly half of the gifted amount (in accordance with IRS calculations), since the amount ultimately passing to the charity is reduced by the lifetime payout to the beneficiary.

At Lasell, a number of alumni have established gift annuities to benefit themselves. However, we also have had husbands create gift annuities for their wives – and vice versa! Another idea gaining popularity is for an adult child to name a parent as a beneficiary: the higher-income child/donor receives the tax deduction, and the parent gains much-needed income. Charitable gift annuities define the classic "win-win" situation – for the donor, for the beneficiary, and for the charity. One question seems to puzzle many readers, though: what asset to use to create a gift annuity.

Q: I've read with interest Lasell's information on its gift annuity program, and I am considering establishing a gift annuity for myself. I have both

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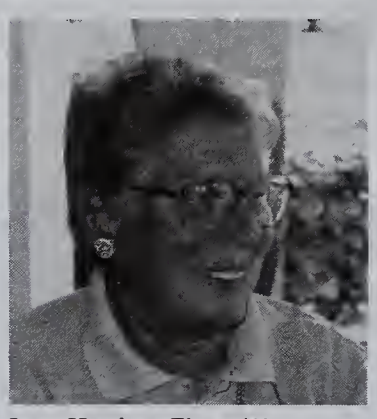
Lucy Harrison Eimer and Ruth Fulton Rardin, Class of 1940

A TALE OF TWO GIFT ANNUITIES

A CONTINENT DIVIDES THEM, BUT LUCY HARRISON EIMER '40, OF LAGUNA Beach, California and Ruth Fulton Rardin '40 of Needham, Massachusetts are united in their devotion to Lasell. Both alumnae have combined creativity and philanthropy to benefit Lasell. By taking advantage of the gift annuity, these two alumnae are able to give generously to Lasell, while receiving a lifetime payment annually.

Lucy Eimer's adventurous spirit took her from Derby, Connecticut, the small town where she grew up, to the beaches of California. However, it was her time at Lasell Junior College that gave her a glimpse of life's opportunities. "Lasell opened a new world for me since I came from a small town in Connecticut," Lucy fondly remembers. "My education at Lasell broadened my knowledge of music and art, and being so close to Boston, I was able to take advantage of its many offerings, going to museums and shops."

After graduating with a Liberal Arts degree from Lasell, Lucy pursued a career in nursing. She enrolled in Hartford Hospital's Nursing Program, and graduated three years later. It was then that Lucy's coast-to-coast adventures began. "Four of my closest friends and I — we were all nurses — decided to drive cross-country to California to work at Children's Hospital in LA. To this day, we still keep in touch!"



Lucy Harrison Eimer '40

Lucy and her husband moved to Pasadena where they lived for 26 years and raised four children. Today, Lucy lives in Laguna Beach, to which she retired in 1974.

While Lucy calls California home, where she enjoyed a full family life and rewarding career, she still recalls wonderfully happy memories of her years in Auburndale at Lasell. "As I've gotten older, I realize more and more how important my time at Lasell was to me."

Lucy has kept in touch with Lasell over the years and has been very pleased with Lasell's progress. "I think it was wise for us to go coed; we've got to keep up with the times."

Thrilled with the renovation and building on campus, Lucy knew that supporting these initiatives gave her an opportunity to repay Lasell with a gift annuity.

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Ruth Fulton Rardin's close proximity to the campus has been Lasell's good fortune. A Corporator of the College and tireless volunteer, Ruth has worked in the Brennan Library and the Winslow Archives since 1985. In recognition of her service to Lasell, Ruth was awarded the Lasell Medallion, the highest honor the school bestows upon its alumnae, in 1996.

Ruth Fulton Rardin '40

"I've been a member of the Lasell family for many years," said Ruth proudly. Originally from Orleans, Vermont, Ruth came to Lasell as a freshman in 1938, and hasn't been too far from the campus ever since.

After graduating in 1940, Ruth stayed on as a student dietician at the time the food service at Lasell was changing from family-style dining to cafeteria dining. Ruth moved to Port Chester, New York, to continue her career as a dietician, working in a hospital.

In 1947, Ruth returned to Massachusetts to marry James Rardin, whose father was the chief engineer at Lasell for 28 years. Jim, following in his father's footsteps, worked at Lasell for 31 years, retiring as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds in 1978. Ruth and Jim raised two children, and their daughter, Cindy Rardin Crawford, graduated from Lasell in 1968.

In 1984, the Brennan Library staff was fortunate to recruit two very able volunteers, Ruth Rardin and Jean Michael Petersen '39. Ruth, who had always done a great deal of volunteer work for her church, has been an invaluable asset to Lasell's library ever since. "We started by barcoding every book in the collection, and then placing the security strips on each volume to protect them," recalls Ruth. Her work brought the Brennan Library into the computer age.

Her next assignment was the archives. Ruth and the other volunteers teamed up with the library staff to piece together and preserve Lasell's precious history. Ruth continues her work today in the Winslow Archives. "I'm just happy to be able to help," says Ruth modestly.

Ruth further demonstrated her commitment to Lasell and the Brennan Library in particular with a gift annuity. "Because I may not be here forever," Ruth laughs, "I am so happy to know that my gift to the Brennan Library will continue my work for me at Lasell."

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TWO ANNUITIES

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Of all the opportunities offered by Lasell's Planned Giving Program, the Gift Annuity proved to be the perfect vehicle. Both Ruth and Lucy were able to make a meaningful gift to Lasell. Ruth Rardin made a $10,000 gift in stock to the Brennan Library Society for Library Endowment and Lucy Eimer gave a $10,000 gift in cash to the Winslow Renovation Project (see story on page 21). And, at the same time, both benefactresses were able to secure for themselves an annual payment, which they can count on receiving for the rest of their lives.

Two remarkable women, Ruth's and Lucy's generosity and devotion to Lasell will be felt for many years to come. ❧

LASELL GIFT ANNUITY FUNDED WITH CASH

Example 1

Donor:	age 80
Gifted Asset:	Cash (by check)
Gift value :	$10,000
Cost basis:	$10,000
Annual payout:	$800
Taxation of Payout:	
Tax-free portion:	$488
Ordinary income:	$312
Charitable deduction:	$5,410.50

LASELL GIFT ANNUITY FUNDED WITH APPRECIATED STOCK

Example 2

Donor:	age 80
Gifted Asset:	Microsoft stock
Gift value :	$10,000
Cost basis:	$ 5,000
Annual payout:	$800
Taxation of Payout:	
Capital gain portion:	$244
Tax-free portion:	$244
Ordinary income:	$312
Charitable deduction:	$5,410.50

PLANNING TIP

Save on your taxes by establishing a Lasell gift annuity before December 31!

For more information on how gift planning can benefit you and Lasell, please call Katharine Urner '83, director of Campaign and Gift Planning, at (617) 243-2166 or fill out this form and mail to:

The Heritage Society
Office of Institutional Advancement
Lasell College
1844 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02466-2716

Please send information about:
____ Lasell Gift Annuities
____ Charitable Trusts
____ Charitable Bequests
____ Heritage Society Membership
____ Gifts of Appreciated Securities

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All responses will be held in strictest confidence. ❧

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cash and stock available. How do I know which asset to use?

A: The best thing to do is to call or write Lasell's Planned Giving Office (617-243-2166) and have us do some sample calculations for you – without any obligation, of course. We can easily model the consequences to you of a cash gift vs. a gift of appreciated securities. You should then take those calculations to your own qualified advisor, who can help you determine which asset is best for you to use, given your unique financial circumstances.

There are some general points to consider, however. For example, if you have too much cash languishing in a low-yielding savings account or certificate of deposit, then you might be best served by funding your gift annuity with cash. Using cash to create a charitable gift annuity has the added bonus of maximizing the amount of tax-free income received from the annuity. See the accompanying article on Lucy Harrison Eimer '40 and the sample gift annuity in Example 1 (left) for an illustration of a gift annuity established with cash.

On the other hand, if you own long-term, appreciated securities that have a low cost basis relative to their current market value and pay little in dividends, then this asset may be the perfect one to fund your annuity. In this way, you lock in the high current market value of your stock while dramatically reducing the capital gains tax consequences that you would incur if you sold the stock. (Because Lasell College is a qualifying charity in the eyes of the I.R.S., we can sell your stock for you without paying capital gains tax.) Many alumni have doubled or even tripled the income they receive from their stock by giving the stock to Lasell for a charitable gift annuity. For an example of a gift annuity funded with appreciated stock, see the article on Ruth Fulton Rardin '40 and the sample gift annuity in Example 2 (above, left).

Important Tip: Sometimes what appears to be obvious and right is in fact the wrong move. You might think that it would be smart to "dump your dogs" through a charitable gift annuity. While such a strategy makes no difference to Lasell, you could be missing a valuable tax deduction if you give the College stock that has dropped in value since you purchased it. In most cases, you will be better off selling the stock yourself (which will enable you to take a capital loss deduction on your income tax bill) and then giving the proceeds of the sale in cash to establish your gift annuity. This would result in two tax deductions for you (charitable income tax deduction and capital loss deduction), a gift that maximizes the tax-free portion of your payout, and a great Campaign gift to Lasell College!

Note: Lasell College is not qualified to provide legal or tax advisory service. Information in this column is offered in general terms and should not be acted upon without professional advice from your own qualified advisors. ❧

Letter from the President of the Alumni Association

Dear Fellow Alums,

Nancy Goodale '66
President, Alumni Association

At the start of my term as the president of your Alumni Association, I take great pleasure in greeting you and inviting you to visit Lasell's campus where you will see that momentous changes have taken place in recent years.

You might not recognize some of the old familiar sights, but I am sure you will be impressed by the dynamic atmosphere and sense of confidence in the school's future. As we move towards our 150th anniversary, the College is working hard to provide an excellent education for future generations of Lasell students.

On a personal note, I anticipate a busy and rewarding two years as president. I want to take this opportunity to urge you to connect or reconnect with the Alumni Association by attending reunion; by joining me and your fellow alums on the Board of Management of the Association; by attending Alumni events in your area; by donating prizes to and participating in the annual "Not Your Ordinary Raffle;" and by giving whatever you can to the College's Annual Fund.

The warm feelings that we have for the "old Lasell" of the familiar Alma Mater will surely be enhanced by the knowledge that we have made our contribution to the "new Lasell." I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming Alumni events and during Reunion 2000!

Sincerely,
Nancy Goodale '66

Chat Online with Lasellites

Check out the cyberspace chat rooms on the Lasell College web site (www.lasell.edu). It's a great way to "chat" with your classmates and catch up on all the news.

Please email the Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@lasell.edu with your email address if you have not already done so.

Lasell Honors Activist Members of Class of '49 with Medallions

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAMPUS ACTIVISM OF THE CLASS OF 1949, and singling out four of the most visible and generous alumnae of that class, President Thomas E.J. de Witt presented the Lasell Medallion to Joan Weiler Arnow, Nancy Lawson Donahue, Kay Poore Hamel, and Jean Sargent Lee. This was the first time in the Medallion's history that four individuals from the same class were so honored. Excerpts from Dr. de Witt's citations follow:

1999 Medallion recipients are, left to right, Jean Sargent Lee, Joan Weiler Arnow, President Thomas de Witt, Nancy Lawson Donahue and Kay Poore Hamel.

Joan Weiler Arnow '49

Her influence touches all points of the campus: the Center for Public Service; Camp Colors; service as trustee and overseer; campaign steering committee and the development committee; early financial commitment to the Campaign, and honorary co-chair of Lasell 150 with her husband, Bob. Joan's efforts have raised the sights of everyone.

Her contagious optimism and long-term investment in the future Lasell encourage others to come forward in the same spirit. Her foresight and generosity leave a deep imprint. At this 50th Reunion event, Lasell College is indeed honored to present the Medallion award to Joan Weiler Arnow.

Nancy Lawson Donahue '49

A leader since her student days, Nancy has kept her focus on Lasell, even through a full life all along defined by volunteerism.

She has served as vice chair of the Board of Trustees, chair of "Lasell 150" development committee, and member of the campaign steering committee. Hers was a quiet, steady voice of support and continuity through the recent changes at Lasell, with the flexibility to make possible a unanimous decision about coeducation.

With the college bookstore recast as "Donahue's," and now through the "Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life," Nancy's vision and commitment resonate in her own personal definition of the Institute's goals: education of women, civility, responsible behavior, diversity, and pedagogy. By eloquent example, she demonstrates how alumni can inspire, challenge, and participate in the renaissance of the College.

Today, on her 50th reunion, I present a Medallion to underscore the loyalty and vision of Nancy Lawson Donahue and to celebrate her extraordinary alumni spirit.

Kathryn Poore Hamel '49

With unflagging faith in the future of Lasell and as an early supporter of coeducational status, Kay Hamel is one of the founding members of the Board of Overseers, and more recently, honorary "Lasell 150" campaign co-chair with her husband, Dana.

Hamel philanthropy intersects the essence of campus life. At Brennan Library, Kay's generosity has worked the magic of climate control, critical to preservation of books as well as humans!

As a second dramatic change, Edwards Student Center, renovated top to bottom, broadcasts a spirit of campus-wide renaissance. The "living room" of the Lasell community has been transformed into a beautifully decorated hub of student life.

The Lasell College president's house has a new identity, forming the third spur of Hamel generosity. Highly visible in a central location on campus, Hamel House, as it will now be known, continues as an elegant landmark. I am honored to present this Medallion to Kay Poore Hamel in appreciation for a quiet voice of reason from a long-time faithful alumna.

Jean Sargent Lee '49

Jean Sargent Lee is an exuberant and spirited alumna who has stepped forward to help.

Just five years ago, after her 45th reunion, Jean reacquainted herself with Lasell and "came back into the fold." She plunged into action by serving on the boards of overseers and trustees, as co-chair of the campaign steering committee, as campaign major gifts chair, and on the major gifts committee and planned giving committee for Lasell 150.

Jean Lee established and funded a joint scholarship with her daughter, Cynthia '78 — a magnificent precedent for intergenerational sharing of values. The Lee Scholarship cements a connection to the College, contributes to the momentum of "Lasell 150," and proclaims a personal vision for the future.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR LASELL MEDALLION

Each year a committee appointed by the Alumni Association's Board of Management selects individuals to receive the Lasell Medallion. The bronze award may be presented to "any member of the Lasell family who, by virtue of distinguished service to the College or society at large, has brought added honor to the name Lasell." Nominations for the 2000 award, which will be presented at Reunion '00 (June 3), should be sent to Medallion Chair, Lasell College Office of Alumni Affairs, 1844 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466-2716.

New Assistant to the Director of Alumni Affairs

EMILY ALTER JOINS INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT STAFF

Emily Alter has joined the Lasell College staff as assistant to Alumni Director Karen Gill in the Office of Alumni Affairs. Her previous experience includes working in special events at the President's office at Brandeis University, and serving in the publications office at Babson College.

Emily Alter, assistant to Karen Gill in the Office of Alumni Affairs

Prior to her accepting the position at Lasell, Emily spent five years with the Jewish Family & Children's Service, as coordinator of a program in which she matched and supervised volunteers with families who had recently arrived from the former Soviet Union. She continues to lead support groups for new moms through Jewish Family & Children's Service and the Needham Adult Education program. As moms struggle with their fantasy of motherhood vs. the reality of motherhood, they find support in a group setting with other women experiencing a similar transition.

She and her husband, Steve, live in Needham with their schnauzer, Roxie. They have a married son living in Washington, DC, and a married daughter living in New York City. In her free time Emily enjoys reading, working out at a gym, in-line skating and spending time with family and friends. ❧

Canoe Restoration Project Needs Your Help

BELOVED SYMBOLS OF LASELL'S PAST, THE COLLEGE'S SIX "WAR" CANOES are a proud reminder of a bygone era. Today, the handsome canoes are brought out for the annual ceremonial River Day races on the Charles River in October.

A Canoe Restoration Fund has been launched to support their reconditioning. Two canoes have already been fully restored, and three more are currently undergoing restoration. The underwriters of the current reparations are Jean Sargent Lee '49, Nancy Burrows Putnam '50, and three class of 1935ers, Kay Peck Dietler, Anne O'Brien Ryan, and in memory of Mary Jane "Puff" Selby Guerry. Each restored canoe will boast the names of the donor or donors who contributed to the restoration.

At Reunion '98, members of the class of '43 resolved to honor the late Nathalie Monge Stoddard, their long-standing class representative, with the restoration of the last of Lasell's beautiful old war canoes. A wonderful, well liked, capable friend, Nathalie was an enthusiastic crew team member at Lasell, serving as captain from '41–'43 and the head of crew in '43.

The cost for the restoration of the canoe is $1800. To participate, please make a contribution no later than December 31, 1999. We hope that your gift to the canoe restoration, a special remembrance for Nathalie, would be separate from and in addition to your Annual Fund gift. Please make checks payable to Lasell College and mail to Catherine Kidd, Campaign Assistant, Lasell College, 1844 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466-2716.

For futher information, please call Catherine at (617) 243-2154 or Priscilla Spence Hall '43 at (904) 423-4441. ❧

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She contributed funds for a "spring break" trip to rural West Virginia, where Lasell students refurbish housing for low-income families. Her support helped to continue an opportunity for students to develop civic responsibility, to share skills, and to add another dimension to their education.

Her quiet, but firm and effective leadership helped provide momentum to get the "Lasell 150" campaign off to a rousing start. I am honored to present this Medallion to Jean Sargent Lee, member of the class of 1949, and true partner with Lasell. ❧

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College and the Lasell Institute for Learning in Retirement, is designed to stimulate thought and provoke dialogue on complex and controversial issues that infuse the national debate about health care. The lecture series also supports the learning environment of the College's School of Allied Health and the lifelong learning component of Lasell Village.

Dr. Timothy Johnson has been providing national television audiences with timely reports that address key medical topics and healthcare trends since November 1975. In addition to his commentary on *Good Morning America*, Dr. Johnson provides on-air analysis of medical news for *World News Tonight*, *Nightline*, and *20/20*. Holding joint positions in medicine at Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he is the founding editor of the *Harvard Medical School Health Letter* and co-editor of the *Harvard Medical School Health Letter Book*. He is the co-editor of the book *Your Good Health*, published by Harvard Press, and co-author, with former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, of the book, *Let's Talk*, published by Zondervan in 1992. ❧

Alumni Association Scholarships Announced

THE RECIPIENTS OF ALUMNI Association Scholarships are returning students who have financial need and have demonstrated their outstanding ability as scholars. They were selected from a competitive pool of applicants and bring a wide range of talents to the Lasell community.

Most of the recipients are leaders in extra-curricular activities on and off campus including: Campus Activities Board, Community Players, Women in Business, Blue Key Society, LEAD (Lasell Educates about Alcohol and Drugs), church youth group and choir, Resident Life Assistant, Center for Public Service, peer tutoring, crew team, U.S. Navy Reservist, Easter Seals volunteer, summer orientation, NAACP, dance team, softball, and student newspaper.

The recipients for the 1999–2000 school year are:

Kimberley Bewsher
a Hospitality Management sophomore from Buzzard's Bay, MA

Kelly Ann Coles
a Fashion & Retail Merchandising senior from Newmarket, NH

Hope Crane
a Fashion & Retail Merchandising junior from Walpole, MA

Marie Cyr
an Early Childhood Education junior from Norwalk, CT

Donna Demers
a Health Science/PTA sophomore from Townsend, MA

Shelby Derrissaint
a Legal Studies sophomore from Hyde Park, MA

Melissa Hyer
a Psychology junior from Brewster, MA

Christine Therrien
an Early Childhood Education junior from Chestnut Hill, MA

Christine Nelson
an Education junior from Brookfield, CT

Brian Smith
an International Business sophomore from Weymouth, MA

Their original class banner having disappeared, MaryAnn Mitchell Beaver created a new banner for the Class of '69 to enjoy.

"What Lasell gave me was the courage to face all of life's challenges! Plus meeting my 'best buddy' of 43 years!"
Sue Goetz Preston '51

Members of the 50th Reunion Class (1949) performed during the Karaoke/Nostalgia night at the lobster bake.

A bagpiper led the Reunion Class parade to Convocation in the Athletic Center.

50TH REUNION CLASS OF 1949

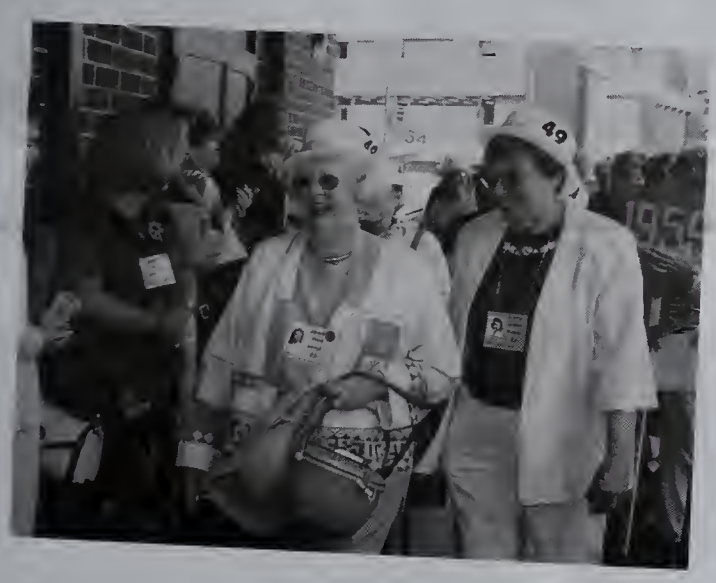
Top Row (Left to Right) Joan DeGelleke Shrewsbury, Corinne Capone McGuiggan, Patricia Lane Harlow, Elizabeth Felker Hancock, Pauline Donaldson Converse, Jane Wadhams Hazen, Joyce Brandt Francis, Jewell Ward Ganger, Violet Drulie Dhimos, Kathy Babcock Hansen, Carolyn Rock Brisson, Irene Lupien Murphy, Lois Koritz Hopfenberg, Libby Harrington Logan, Barbara Berry Roberts, Carolyn Clark Thomas, Pam Johns Barry, Jean Sargent Lee, Janice Gray Palin, Nancy Colman Hill, Joan Phelan, Kay Poore Hamel, Marilyn Weeden Davidson

Bottom Row (Left to Right) Nancy Irwin Van Dorn, Shirley Anderson Daley, Audrey Mitchell McKibbon, Ginny Byrnes Fischer, Nancy Curtis Grellier, Martha Hurd Davenport, Pam Martini Everett, Eeva Laitinen Stromski, Paulie Quilty Connolly, Natalie Hall Campbell, Janet White MacLure, Ellen Morris Phillips, Joan Warren Hepburn, Norma Pickett Wise, Nancy Lawson Donahue, Miriam Clark Williams, Sally Taylor Murray, Anne Kendall Baldacci, Sally Priestman Costa, Phyllis Burckett Ulicny, Bunny Cohan Rossen, Joan Weiler Arnow, Mary Stone Leary

Stairs (Ascending) Eleanor Heiden Messinger, Nancy Hayden Drooff, Ann Hollett Munro, Del Anderson McCoy, Kathy Mahoney Schofield

Special thanks to Reunion Liaison Nancy Curtis Grellier and her committee (Kay Poore Hamel, Joan Warren Hepburn and Jean Sargent Lee) who helped to coordinate all activities; and to class agents, Joan Weiler Arnow and Nancy Lawson Donahue, who helped the Class of 1949 earn the distinction of raising the largest reunion class gift ever, over $66,500!

The Alumni College seminar "Walking Each Other Home: Advancing Civic Understanding and Personal Responsibility" was moderated by Dr. Kerrissa Heffernan. Members of the Class of 1949: (l to r) Nancy Lawson Donahue, Kay Poore Hamel and Jean Sargent Lee had a lively interaction with the members of the Class of 1999: Jennifer Brooks, Lesbie Perez and Denise Cordeiro.



Jewel Ward Ganger '49 and Irene Lupien Murphy '49 received applause from the other classes as they made their way to Convocation.

Reunion Weekend can't happen without the invaluable help of volunteers. (l to r) Barbara Ordway Brewer '35, Lynn Blodgett Williamson '46, Barbara Stickle Mode '47 and Jacqueline Paulding Hauser '50 help prepare flower arrangements for the Reunion luncheon.

Members of the Class of 1989 and their guests shared laughs at the cocktail reception preceding the lobster bake.

Lynn Blodgett Williamson '46, Honorary Chair of the Heritage Society and Barbara Stickle Mode '47, outgoing President of the Alumni Association led the reunion classes in the singing of the Alma Mater.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

Throughout the year, the President and members of the Institutional Advancement staff travel around the country to meet with alumni of all ages at Lasell gatherings. It's a chance to meet and network with other alumni in your geographic area while also hearing the latest information about Lasell. Recently, many spouses/guests have been attending these events and they have enjoyed hearing about their partner's college life. Friendships are renewed and also begun. Please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (617) 243-2139 if you can help to provide ideas, organize an event, etc. The office creates and mails all invitations, so as host, all that is needed is to receive the RSVP replies and make some follow-up phone calls.

DECEMBER, '99

11 SATURDAY

Rutherford, NJ
Young alumni gathering
(Classes of '89–'99)
Home of Susan Parrish '92
Contact: Stormy Horton Bell '92
(201) 501-8117 or MsStormy@aol.com

MARCH, '00

3 FRIDAY

Clearwater/Tampa, FL area
Tarpon Springs Yacht Club Luncheon
Contact: Libby Carlisle Holmberg '40
(727) 786-7531

4 SATURDAY

Sarasota, FL
University Club
Cocktail reception

5 SUNDAY

Naples, FL
Brunch at the Club at Longshore Lake
Contact: Gail Winalski Burd '58
(941) 573-1168

8 WEDNESDAY

Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL
Seawatch Restaurant, cocktail reception
Contact: Starr Tupper Shannon '58
(954) 472-0696

10 FRIDAY

Boca Raton, FL
Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club Luncheon

12 SUNDAY

Melbourne, FL
Brunch at the home of Martha Garshman Spector '71
Contact: Martha Garshman Spector
(407) 255-1331

Libby Carlisle Holmberg '40 pictured with President de Witt, served as host for the Clearwater, FL reception in March '99.

In June, several Lasell alumni/staff volunteered at the WGBH-TV auction. Pictured, (l to r) Joy Stewart Rice '55; Karen Gill, Director of Alumni Affairs; Cathy Black, Major Gifts Officer; Marie Smith, Director of Career Services and Nancy Goodale '66, President of the Alumni Association.

Nancy Wells Harris '43, served as host of the Jensen Beach, FL event in March '99.

Terry Bergeron Hoyt '45, Janet Montgomery Farrand '43, husband Henry, and Bili Baxter Perkins '36 at the Longboat Key, FL event, March '99.

The Delray Beach Club was the location for the March '99 Lasell gathering through the membership of Virginia Hinshaw Wilks '31. Betty Fleer Cooper '44 served as host.

Stormy Horton Bell '92 (holding baby), hosted an intimate barbecue for young alumni at her home in New Jersey this past June. In the back row next to Stormy is Susan Parrish '92 and front row (left to right) Jennifer Barkhausen '90/'92, her friend, Charlie, and Debbie Lestch '95.

Jim and Carol Hill Hart '44, joined host Jim Krohn at the Longboat Key reception. Jim and his wife, Bobbi Trout Krohn '52, graciously hosted the Lasell event at their condominium complex.

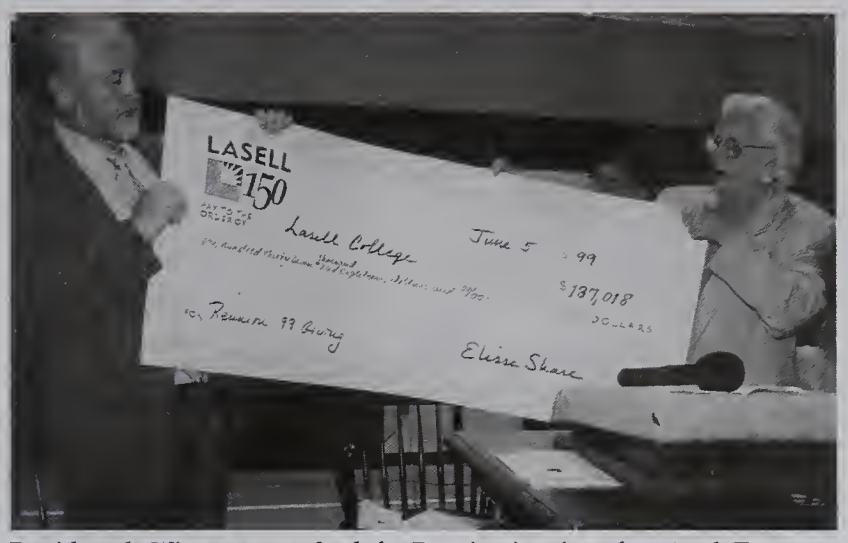
Judy Tracy Shanahan '48 and husband, Jim, chat with Marilyn McNie Middlebrook '45 and husband, Bill, at the Naples, FL gathering at the Kensington Golf and Country Club. John and Nancy Roetting Clifford '51 hosted the event.

Some members of the Class of 1999, the most recent alumni, were welcomed into the Alumni Association at a dinner sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Alumni Board of Management.

Lasell's Annual Fund Keeps on Growing

by Noni Linton
Director of Annual Giving

THE LASELL ANNUAL FUND PROVIDES A VITAL BOOST TO LASELL'S operating budget every year (last year's total raised was nearly $515,000) and, thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and staff, it has shown significant growth for the sixth consecutive year.



President de Witt accepts a check for Reunion '99 given from Ruth Turner Crosby '42.

Since the Annual Fund is an integral part of Lasell 150, the College's first multi-year capital campaign in celebration of the sesquicentennial in 2001, the steady growth of the Fund is heartening. This success can be attributed to the efforts of many people, including the student phoners who reached out to more alumni and parents than ever, bringing alumni participation back to 28%. Volunteers also play a major role in this success, especially during a reunion year.

Every year, Lasell reunion classes say "Thank you, Lasell" by making a special effort to raise a significant class gift for the Annual Fund from a large percentage of the class. The Reunion '99 classes reached an extraordinary level of success by raising over $140,000 of the $514, 817 Annual Fund grand total, an amount nearly double that raised by the Reunion '98 classes.

Of course, this kind of success does not happen without a lot of help from members of the reunion classes. Many of the loyal cadre of Lasell alumni who served on reunion committees gave their time to contact classmates with phone calls and notes, or wrote personal notes on letters to classmates. Their personal contact makes a real difference!

Last spring, as reunion approached, many alumni who had never made gifts to the Annual Fund generously contributed, and others were moved to increase their regular Annual Fund contributions by joining one of the Annual Fund's important leadership gift clubs. Still others found that gifts of appreciated securities were an ideal way to make a significant gift while benefiting from the tax savings such gifts provide. Some also augmented the Fund by initiating a matching gift with their or their spouse's employer. All gifts helped boost both the dollar total and alumni participation.

At the Annual Alumni Convocation on Reunion Weekend, Ruth Turner Crosby '42, standing in for Annual Fund Chairman Elisse Allinson Share '65, presented a "giant" check to President Tom de Witt in the amount of $137,018. Subsequent gifts from reunion alumni brought that total to a whopping $140,000! Thank you to the Reunion '99 classes.

Fall brought the start of a new Annual Fund for the year 2000. Already mailings have been sent, the students are telephoning, and gifts are arriving daily. We are poised for another wonderful year. Please help us continue Lasell's success with the Annual Fund by responding generously when you receive your mailing or when you are called by one of our student phoners. ❧

Serving it Up at Lasell College's Dining Room

CONSUMER APPROACH TO FOOD SERVICE ADDS NEW SPICE AND APPEAL

"WAY BACK IN THE OLD DAYS — MAYBE 10 YEARS AGO," LAUGHS Maryanne Conroy-Miller, director of food service for Lasell College, "institutional food service was just that — institutional.

The cafeteria ambiance included sliding plastic trays over yards of stainless steel tubes as dollops of pasty-colored food were plopped onto plates by uniformed, hair-netted lunch ladies. "Often," Maryanne recalls, "the menu selections were as limited as the taste of the food."

But the changing lifestyles, tastes, and expectations of American students have created a veritable revolution behind the counters at most educational institutions since then, she happily reports. Dramatic change has overtaken the planning, preparation, and delivery of dining hall food throughout the country. "Today, the focus in educational food service is on presentation, marketing, service, variety, and customer satisfaction."

Maryanne Conroy-Miller, an employee of Sodexho-Marriott, the food service/hotel giant that contracts with Lasell for food service, has a seasoned perspective on the changes in the industry that comes from having spent 15 years in educational food service, with the last five years at Lasell.

"The college consumer is savvier than ever," she observes. "Today's students are first generation fast-food babies. Many were brought up on convenience foods to accommodate the busy schedules of working parents. As a consequence, they are far more "brand name" conscious. Now, the food culture is geared toward McDonald's and Taco Bell, whereas a decade ago, students were used to home-cooked meals."

Kay Sinerate and MaryAnn Conroy-Miller provide service with a smile in Valentine Dining Hall.

A woman who brings real meaning to the techno-term "multi-tasking," Maryanne's title only hints at the expertise that she has had to master to succeed in what is now a fiercely competitive field. Her broad set of skills includes conductor, waiter, paramedic, cook, bartender, protocol officer, biologist, scientist, contract administrator, time-motion expert, marketer, accountant, computer-whiz, and engineer.

Supported by a staff with more than 120 years of combined service to Lasell College, Maryanne says she and her team are "committed to delivering

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BEFORE AND AFTER MEN ON CAMPUS

	BEFORE	AFTER
Milk consumed at a meal	10 gallons of skim or 2%	30 gallons of 2% or whole
Eggs consumed at breakfast	11 dozen	30 dozen
Hamburgers consumed at a meal	40	130

Winners of the "Not Your Ordinary Raffle"

PROCEEDS OF $6,500 BENEFITED THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Prize	Winner
$100 gift basket, Allied Domecq Retail./USA	Susan Scichilone Presti '88/'94
Anonymous $100 Cash prize	Victoria Komanetsky Mafale '45
$100 savings account, Auburndale Coop. Bank	Sandra Reynolds Grant '54
$100 Gift Cert., Baby Place	Susan Y. Charton '69
	Betsy Gimbel Ratner '69
$25 Gift Cert., Back Bay Restaurant Group	Jean R. Petersen '39
$35 One-year membership, B.J.'s Wholesale Club	Eileen Conradi Lynch '57 $100
Two tickets to a perf., Boston Lyric Opera	Marsha Keyes Tucker '64 $40
Four tickets for adm., Boston Museum of Fine Arts	M. Virginia Bartlett Gay '38
$25 Gift certificate, Bullfinch's	Priscilla Scruton Fuller '46
$40 Gift certificate, Diva Salon	Janice Piccioli Anketell '58
$250 Gift certificate, Dover Rug Co.	Linda Foster Nixon '69
$100 Cash prize, Nancy Lawson Donahue '49, Trust.	Robin Genden Dutra '73
$100 Cash prize, Champe Fisher, Trustee	Linda Soux Heller '69
Three $35 gift certificates, Gleason's Flowers	Dana Rossmarin
$100 Cash prize, Arthur Gregorian, Trustee Emeritus	Leah Smith Schneier '69
$100 Cash prize, Arthur Gregorian, Trustee Emeritus	Susan Ridley '40
Two $50 flower arrangements,	Jacqueline Paulding Hauser '50
	Mrs. Edward Murphy
$450 Callaway Titanium Golf club, Kathleen Hegenbart, Trustee	Helen Weatherbee '50
$175 14K brooch with cultured pearl, Hill Jeweler's, Sudbury	Jean McCambridge '52
$190 Two nights' stay, Lasell Inn Bed & Breakfast	Elizabeth Schlegel Lutz '58
$100 Gift certificate to L.L. Bean, Jean Sargent Lee '49, Trustee	Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51
$192 Linda Rose Hand Care Collection, Sharon LeVan '66, Overseer	Joan Rabbitt Downey '54
Dinner for Two, Longfellow's Wayside Inn	Karla Robinson Hinds '61
$100 Gift certificate to Marriott Hotel, Kathryn Morgan Lucey '67	Margaret Abrahamian '48
$150 Overnight stay and breakfast, Marriott Hotel, Newton	Elizabeth Kobrock Rawstron '36
$43.50 Gift certificate, Kevin Max Hair Design	Loel Mercer Poor '63
$200 Birdsey Watercolor, Barbara Stickle Mode '47 Interiors	Margaret Stewart '85
Autographed hat by star player, New England Patriot's Foundation	Jane Carmody Davison '44
$100 Gift Certificate, Pillar House	Mildred Royce Piers '38
Artwork, Renjeau Galleries	Michelle McKinstry Schofield '82
$45 Gift certificate, Queen Sheba	Laura Cobrinik '79
$100 U. S. Savings Bond, Ruth Shuman, Dean for Inst. Adv.	Marian Fitts Sternkopf '41
Two tickets to a performance, Turtle Lane Playhouse, Newton	Audrey Slawson Drake '38
1 year subs. to Want Advertiser, Nancy Curtis Grellier '49, Trustee	Susan Halewood Crosby '67
$100 Gift certificate, Weston Nurseries, Inc.	Sally Warner O'Such '55
Guest appearance on TV show, Susan Wornick, Channel 5 TV	Candace Watson Burnham '68
$48 Two tickets for one '99 performance, Worcester Foothills Theatre	Barbara Stannard Riedinger '58
$400 Carry-on Hartman Luggage Bag, Patricia Zinkowski, Trustee	Peggy Schwingel Kraft '56

Anyone who would like to donate an item, gift certificate, vacation home, etc., please contact Karen Gill, Director of Alumni Affairs, at (617) 243-2139.

Save the Date for Reunion '00

All alumni are invited to return to campus, especially those whose class year ends in a "5" or "0". Mark your calendar to return to campus on **June 2-4, 2000**. When receiving Reunion information, the Alumni Office has you coded for the year in which you received your highest degree. For example, if you received your Associate's degree in 1980 and completed your Bachelor's degree in 1995, we will assume you are in the Class of 1995 unless you contact us to request a change. You are encouraged to attend reunions for both classes!

LASELL ALUMNI MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

T-shirts, golf towels, aprons, mugs, stationery, history books, watches, all boasting the distinctive Lasell logo are available through the Alumni Board of Management. Please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (617) 243-2139 or email us at alumni@lasell.edu, for more information or to obtain an order form.

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excellence at every meal. Our goal is to respond to the changing needs of our constituency by creating an inviting 'food-court' atmosphere that is fun, fast, and familiar."

Plans for reconfiguring the dining hall into a dynamic "food court" by fall of 2000 will be executed during next summer. But recent additions to the "food mix" include a large screen TV that plays music videos, separate food stations to allow students to pick and choose from build-your-own deli sandwiches and fast food basics to a selection of comfort foods, such as macaroni and cheese or turkey and gravy. "We want to add a coffee-house feel to the seating area," said Maryanne.

Access to food now has a decidedly high-tech aura with the use of a computer-based card system that scans individual ID numbers and records the quantity of students and staff who are served at each meal.

"This system also provides an exact record of consumption, and allows me to plan and schedule meals according to taste and need so that we can be far more responsive to students' dietary requests."

Maryanne has also implemented the concept of JIT (Just-in-Time) meal preparation, whereby the food is cooked as needed during mealtime. Before JIT, food was prepared several hours in advance, placed into warming trays, and finally dished out at the prescribed mealtime. Consequently, food often developed a distinctly glutinous texture and the inherently bland taste that was the hallmark of school food for decades.

While the trappings are slick, Conroy-Miller is extremely mindful of ensuring that a broad range of nutritionally balanced healthy menu selections are available to satisfy an equally broad range of diets. "I believe in preparing good food well," she says enthusiastically. "The ingredients and nutritional values of all food types are always posted to encourage students to understand the lifelong benefits of eating a healthy diet," Maryanne explains.

Further, students with dietary restrictions due to medical issues or religious requirements can be accommodated. Maryanne's staff will even work with doctors to educate themselves on students' specific dietary requirements. She is equally sensitive to students who have adopted either a vegetarian or the more stringent vegan diet, and has responded by offering protein-rich alternatives to meat, such as rice and beans and tofu.

The most recent culinary challenge presented to Maryanne and her staff was the onslaught of men on Lasell's dining hall, following the change of mission to accept men in September 1998.

"Simply put," Conroy-Miller laughs, "they eat a lot of food." In particular, the volume of protein-based foods consumed — especially meat — has increased significantly (see chart).

Lasell's students are fortunate to have Maryanne Conroy-Miller and her staff to serve up the on-campus dining experience with humor, competence, and a commitment to excellence. Mange!

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